

AMBULANCE AUGMENTATION/STAFFING RECONFIGURATION 11 NEW BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) AMBULANCES

ISSUE:

Matching our resource deployment to the types and frequency of incidents.

CHALLENGE:

The need for additional BLS RAs is the result of:

Emergency medical incidents have increased in the first two months of 2013
(+6.2%, compared to the EMS incidents the first two months of 2012)
(FY 08/09 to FY 11/12 showed an average increase in EMS incidents of +2.2/year)

Emergency medical incidents accounted for 84% of the 1127 daily calls for service within the first two months of 2013

SOLUTION:

Deploy 11 New BLS Ambulances

- Ambulances will take EMS calls leaving the fire companies available to handle other non-EMS incidents
- Ambulances will be assigned to Light Force only stations
- Minimum BLS ambulance staff = 2
 - One Firefighter from the designated Task Force company and one Firefighter from the fire station where the new BLS ambulance is housed

Staff Reconfiguration

There are 41 Light Force Companies

30 Task Force Companies

- 11 Light Force Companies will have staffing reconfigured from 6 to 5
- Firefighters will be transferred to staff the new BLS Ambulances

11 Light Forces are the only fire company within their districts

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IMPACT:

Public/Firefighter Safety

- Five-member company operations will be implemented to ensure Firefighter safety and an effective Light Force operation
- Increased availability of ambulances (33% increase in BLS ambulances)
- Increased light force availability for non-EMS incidents

Measures of Success

- Improvement in emergency response times
- Increased ambulance availability
- Increased Light Force availability
- Improved Light Force coverage within the City

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- No cost for staffing as positions are redeployed from current staffing
- Reduction in wear and tear on heavy apparatus
- Some impact on apparatus maintenance from increase in emergency fleet
- Some impact to ambulance replacement cycle from increase in emergency fleet